



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Jan Eirik Ellingsen et al.                      Art Unit : 1763  
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated June 22, 2005, be extended for three months to and including December 22, 2005.

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Respectfully submitted,

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